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Unakwik Inlet Goat Hunt Closes

Cordova – Registration permit hunt RG252 for mountain goats in Game Management Unit 6(D) will close at 11:59 pm on October 25, 2005 by emergency order of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Hunt area RG252 includes that portion of Unit 6(D) west of Columbia Glacier and east of Unakwik Inlet. This closure affects only registration permit hunt RG252 in Unit 6(D). All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 6 are unaffected by this closure.

Aerial surveys during September 2004 indicated a population of 230 goats inhabited registration permit area RG252. The Department set the maximum allowable harvest at 13 goats. Reported harvest is now at 11 billies and 1 nanny, with additional hunters still afield. Each nanny counts as 2 goats toward the harvest objective. Additional take beyond the harvest objective could harm the long-term stability of the population.